small airlines operators for operating their scheduled flights through any of the above airports.

Helicopter service in Mumbai

2176. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a helicopter service in Mumbai between Chhatrapati Shivaji Airport and the city;

(b) if so, whether the consent of the residents over noise pollution has been obtained; and

(c) whether they have no objection in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Pawan Hans Helicopter Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Government of India, has a plan to introduce helicopter services between Chhatrapati Shivaji airport and the City Centre near Nariman Point in Mumbai.

(b) and (c) Discussions were held recently with some of the representatives of the Cuffe Parade Residents Association to resolve the matter amicably. However, the residents have not yet given their consent over noise pollution.

New Airport at Nagaland

2177. SHRI C. APOK JAMIR: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to further improve air links in the NE Region;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether there has been any proposal from the Government of Nagaland for a new airport; and

(d) if so, what is the progress thereof?